

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

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| 1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | 5. DATE OF REQUEST: Jan 18, 2013 | NEED RESPONSE BY: Feb 1, 2013 |
| 2. REQUESTOR NAME: Suzanne Garcia | 6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Dept of Social Services | |
| 3. PHONE NO.: 805-781-1895 | 7. SUBJECT: Expedited Services and LIHEAP | |
| 4. REGULATION CITE(S): | 8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s). ACL 12-61 LIHEAP; MPP 63-301.51 | |

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Per ACL 12-61 all HH are now eligible to receive LIHEAP and a SUA deduction and LUA/TUA/Homeless Shelter deduction is no longer available. Would we use the SUA deduction for every case when determining eligibility to Expedited Services?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Yes, since all HH's are eligible we would use the deduction when determining if income is less than housing + Utilities.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Yes. California chose the federal option to use the standard utility allowance (SUA) instead of actual utility costs. Therefore, even prior to implementation of "heat and eat" (ACL 12-61), the SUA is used to determine eligibility to Expedited Service. Per MPP 63-301.51 a household may qualify for Expedited Service when the household's combined monthly gross income and liquid resources are less than the household's monthly rent or mortgage, and utilities (SUA).

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| DATE RECEIVED: 1-18-13 | DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: 2-01-13 |
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